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THE LAW OF CHECKS, NOTES AND BANKS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF PARTIES IN DEALING WITH BANKS. By THOMAS C. SIMONTON. New York: Victor Van Horen. 1906. Pp. 176.

The author of the above book is already known as a legal writer through his books entitled "Simonton on Municipal Bonds," and "A Hand-book of Practical Law." No attempt is made in this book to present a learned and exhaustive treatise. The object is, rather, to give in small compass the legal ground and reason for the various transactions with commercial paper which business men are carrying on all the time. Added to this is a treatment of the nature and powers of banks. The art of writing legal works for popular consumption is a very difficult one, but Mr. Simonton seems to be at home in this sort of work. However, even when well done, such books are very apt to foster only that little knowledge which is a dangerous thing. The ordinary business man who has learned sound business practice and who consults his attorney on points of difficulty will probably be safer than the one who studies up the subject in a popular text-book and relies entirely on the knowledge thus gained.

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A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF REPLEVIN, AS ADMINISTERED IN THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND. By H. W. Wells. Second Edition with notes prepared by Hon. E. T. Wells, late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Colorado, from cases selected by the author. Albany, N. Y.: Banks & Company. 1907. Pp. xcv, 807.

Lawyers are always glad when a standard work, which has grown somewhat out of date, is edited and modernized. "Wells on Replevin" has been standard for a long time, but changes in the law take place quickly now, and time enough has elapsed since it was first written in 1879 to make a new edition necessary. The original work was exhaustive, citing over three thousand authorities. The new edition does not disturb the text, but adds the new matter in the form of full notes at the ends of chapters. An especially valuable feature of the work is an excellent index, itself covering 116 pages, which makes readily available the closely packed meat of the book.